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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re P	Patent Application of PE JC.	
Urban	widlund	Group Art Unit: 3761
Applic	cation No.: 09/194,700	Examiner: M. Kidwell
Filed:	March 4, 1999	
For:	ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING) IMPROVED SURFACE PROPERTIES)	JUN 23 2000 SMITTAL LETTER SMITTAL LETTER
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Sir:		
E	Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent	application.
[] A Petition for Extension of Time is also encl	osed.
[A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [] \$ requisite Government fee are also enclosed.	55.00 (248) [] \$110.00 (148) to cover the
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[statement(s) claiming small entity s [] are also enclosed [] were submitted pr	tatus reviously.
[Applicant(s) request continued examination up [] fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).	under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the []
	[] Applicant(s) previously submitted, or requested.	on, for which continued examination is
[A Request for Entry and Consideration of Su (146/246) is also enclosed.	abmission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)
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[] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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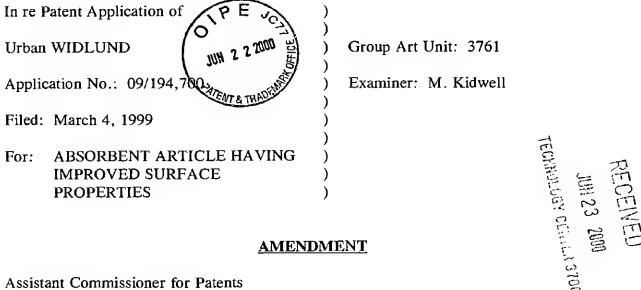
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2000, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the originally filed Abstract with the substitute Abstract attached herein.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 9, line 24, replace "cover" with --surface--.

Page 10, line 27, after "absorbent" insert --,--.

Page 11, line 4, after "hydrophilic" insert --second--; and

_line 6, replace "hydrophobic" with --first--.

Page 12, line 4, delete "surface";